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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Michel P. GAMCSIK et al. : EXAMINER:
SERIAL NO.: 09/712,912 : GROUP ART UNIT:
FILED: NOVEMBER 16, 2000 :
FOR: CAMPTOTHECIN COMPOUNDS :
WITH A SULFHYDRYL GROUP

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows

IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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Please amend the title as follows:

--CAMPTOTHECIN COMPOUNDS WITH A THIOETHER GROUP--

IN THE SPECIFICATION

✓ Page 3, first full paragraph:

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--Glutathione (Fig 2) is a tripeptide of glutamic acid, cysteine and glycine and found in high concentration in most normal cells and is often elevated in tumor tissue. In cancer cells, glutathione appears to play an important role in resistance to chemotherapy (Tew, 1994 #1038; Colvin, 1993 #628). For example, the chemotherapeutic alkylating agents such as cyclophosphamide, cisplatinum and BCNU are inactivated by covalent conjugation with